

This Week @ Trinity

April 2, 2020

The Dean's Corner: Until We Can Gather Again

This past Sunday I did not receive communion though I was right next to the altar. It was an odd feeling, one of sadness and distance despite being right there in the presence of the Body of Christ: to be so close to the sacrament, but unable to receive.



This was the third Sunday since we've closed Trinity to public worship in order to slow the rate of transmission of coronavirus not only within our congregation, but in the wider community beyond. As we are seeing clearly from news reports and stories among our many networks of friends and neighbors, we live in a profoundly interconnected world. This interconnection is a wonderful thing, for it allows us to deepen relationships and share God's love and ultimately grow together in union with God and with one another; but in the case of public health emergencies such as this, we see as clearly as ever that such interconnection means that an opportunistic virus can spread even faster.

[Read the Dean's Entire Message Here](#)



[View Dean Owens's Latest Video](#) Generosity Amid the Storm



This Sunday, April 5

The Sunday of the Passion:

Palm Sunday

[Click here for this week's scripture](#)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist via livestream

The Rev. Adrienne Koch will preach

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens will celebrate

[Download the service bulletin here](#)

Visit Trinity's Facebook page or website to watch this livestreamed service. Those not on Facebook can view the stream from our homepage, but if you're able to connect via Facebook, we greatly appreciate any comments, likes and messages that are sent in real time. You're also welcome to email us with your reaction to the service. To take part, visit either site from your computer or mobile device. Join us starting at 9:45 a.m. You'll also be able to watch the service on demand from our Facebook page or on our website after its conclusion.

Check out [our home page](#) for some livestream troubleshooting tips you can use before and during the broadcast.

Congregational Life



Holy Week Webcast Worship Services

Trinity will hold three Holy Week worship services via our [homepage](#) and our [YouTube channel](#).

Maundy Thursday – April 9 - 6:00 p.m., The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens preaching

Good Friday – April 10 - 12:00 p.m., The Rev. Adrienne Koch preaching

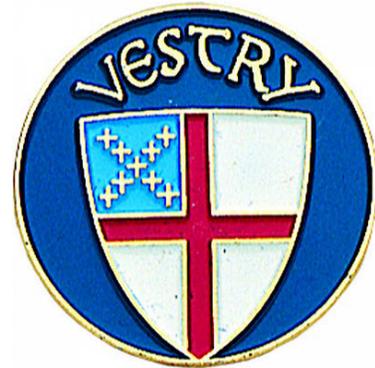
Easter Sunday – April 12 - 10:00 a.m., The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. preaching

Holy Week Observances - Dean Owens

Holy Week won't be quite the same as we continue to observe coronavirus precautions, but Trinity Cathedral will still offer Holy Week services and programs and I hope you'll be a part of it. We begin with a livestreamed service of Palm Sunday this Sunday at 10 a.m. through the same channels we have used in past weeks (the [Trinity homepage](#) & [Facebook Live](#)). Later this week we will share Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services through YouTube and our home page. Throughout the week we'll have YouTube reflections from me and from clergy and ministry leaders who have served Trinity in the past, and on Easter Sunday we will offer a Diocesan service of Holy Eucharist via YouTube and our homepage.

You can find this and more on our updated website which we've retooled to make our congregational ministries more visible and accessible through digital channels, or you can go directly to [Trinity's YouTube channel](#), . I hope you'll make plans to join us for this unique – yet still sacred – experience of Holy

An Important Message from the Vestry



At a special meeting on March 24th, the vestry voted to make changes to the Annual Meeting. Based on the assumption that we will not be meeting in person for worship on May 3rd, the Annual Meeting will be live-streamed in some fashion. We aren't sure of the technology that we will use yet, but we hope to go from a live-streamed worship service to a presentation of the traditional reports that are shared with the congregation at the annual meeting. There will be reports from the dean, vestry, cathedral council and the treasurer. We will also provide a way for members of the congregation to post questions and comments. When the technology is worked out, we will give ample notice to the congregation about how to participate.

Trinity's By-Laws and the Canons of our Diocese do not provide any mechanism for voting other than in-person. Therefore, the vestry has voted to defer election of vestry, cathedral council and nominating committee members until a later date. Our hope right now is that elections will be held in September. Current lay leaders and nominating committee members will continue to serve until the election, as stipulated by the by-laws. We will give proper notice to the congregation for what we hope will be early fall elections.

Please keep Trinity's lay leaders in your prayers as they address the challenges of the pandemic. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your vestry wardens.

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Paul Herrgesell, Junior Warden

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Palms Available for Pickup on April 4

Members who can stop by Trinity on Saturday, April 4 after 9:30 a.m. may pick up fresh palms to take home. A box of palms will be waiting on the porch inside the parking lot. If you are in and out of the parking lot within 15 minutes, you won't have to pay for parking.

Celebrate Palm Sunday at Home

The Missionaries of the Holy Spirit and Catholic deacon Greg Kandra shared this idea for Palm Sunday:

What if everyone on Sunday April 5 in the morning, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday?

It could be any green branch you can get. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of weeks.

Want to join?

We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ.

We are the Church.

The Trinity staff loves this idea! If you love it, too, then let's do it together this weekend, to celebrate Palm Sunday. Find a branch or make a palm frond (or leaf) from construction paper, and put it on your door or in your window. Let's share with our neighbors, *who we are*—we are the Church!

Remember or Honor a Loved One with Easter Flowers

A gift to Trinity's Easter Flower Fund is a special way to remember or honor a loved one at Easter.



Donations may be made online (preferred), but you can also send a check to the church office. [Click here to donate online.](#)

Contact Doreen Hughes at 216-774-0415

or dhughes@trinitycleveland.org to give her the name of your loved one,

that you wish to remember/honor.

The deadline for Easter remembrances is April 8.

Trinity Campus Closed Until Further Notice... ...But Our Ministry Continues

At this time, Trinity Cathedral, Trinity Commons and the Diocese of Ohio are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff is working from home at this time. You can reach them by email:

- The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens - Dean
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- Rita Asbury - Bookkeeper - rasbury@trinitycleveland.org

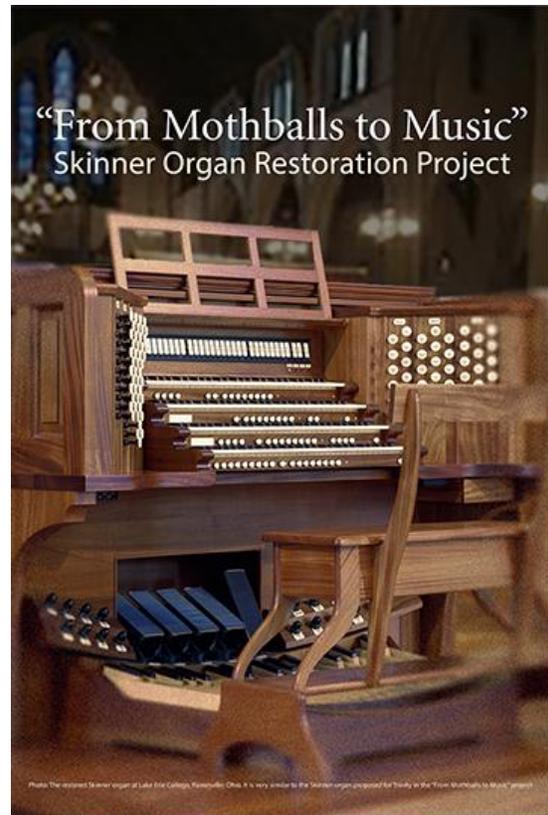
And please visit our new homepage, trinitycleveland.org. We're featuring what we're calling Trinity Online, a resource to maintain connections to the

Cathedral electronically during the building shutdown. It has videos, news, services, podcasts, bible study and information about ministries that are still continuing their work even though the building is closed.

Year of the Organ Update: Challenge Appeal Surpasses Goal!

The “Year of the Organ” challenge grant appeal has surpassed its \$30,000 goal and the April 1, 2020 deadline has been met. As a result, \$45,000 has been added to the organ restoration fund bringing the total raised to \$908,311, exceeding the project budget of \$900,000. The full funding of this project is a remarkable achievement by the Trinity community. We will recognize all who have made this possible by publishing

a list of donors soon. If you would like to add your name to the list, gifts are still being received. All funds will be used for the restoration and installation of the new chancel organ or be placed in a special fund for ongoing organ maintenance and to underwrite special events. If you want to dedicate your gift in honor or memory of someone, please inform [Todd Wilson](#) or [Dean Owens](#).



Zoom Coffee Hour

During the building closure, join other Trinity members in an occasional Zoom Coffee Hour, on selected Sunday mornings, from 9:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. The first one will be held this Sunday, April 5. See our weekly Thursday e-news to find out if we'll have coffee hour on the next Sunday. Bring your coffee/tea and visit with old and new friends, before the worship livestream begins at 9:45

a.m. Associate for Congregational Life Ginger Bitikofer and others will host the coffee hour. You don't need any special equipment to participate—either a computer (with or without a camera) or phone will do. Contact Ginger on the Thursday/Friday/Saturday before to get a weblink or phone number for the next Sunday's coffee hour. Get in touch with her at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org or 216-774-0407.

Care Corner: Give or Receive Help

Trinity congregation members can give help or get help, during the time the cathedral building is closed. Are you able to help a senior member get groceries? Are you a person who needs help with errands? Contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org or (216) 774-0407, and she'll work on getting people connected.

Spiritual Formation

The adult formation committee is offering spiritual formation content for home-use each week. Below you'll find inspiring content from beloved spiritual authors, links to formative coursework and classes, and deeply rooted Christian disciplines to practice.

Poem: [Blessing Our World Now](#)

Spiritual Practice: [Breath Prayers](#)

Dean's Bible Study: [Lectio Divina](#) (with link)

**Trinity Episcopal
Peace Fellowship
News**

The national Episcopal Peace Fellowship has several priority areas for action, including gun violence prevention, the Palestine-Israeli network, the abolition of the death penalty and more. One of



EPF's special actions was marching in September 2018 to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline which would have crossed a sacred Sioux burial ground.

A Federal court action this week would now require a full-scale Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that thoroughly considers the tribe's thorough analysis of the potential problems the pipeline would cause. As the saying goes, "The arc of justice is long." Our thanks go out to those EPF volunteers who marched in 2018 and helped lead the effort to properly evaluate this major environmental impact.

Would you like to join our Zoom Trinity EPF mini meeting on Sunday, April 5 at 1 p.m. and hear what's going on with Trinity's EPF chapter? Contact Bruce Freeman at freeman.bruce@gmail.com and he will send you a link to the 40-minute meeting.

Also, here's a link to EPF's Facebook page for news you might find of interest, including the significant pipeline victory
<https://www.facebook.com/episcopalpeacefellowship/>.

Neighborhood Connectors

To help keep our widely-spread congregation members connected with each other during this period of separation, we will be implementing the Neighborhood Connectors program, which will group our members into neighborhood/community groups, whose members can help support each other. Don't be surprised if you get a call from a neighbor. Questions? Contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, 216-774-0407.

Join Dean Owens for Bible Study Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Take part in the discussion as Dean Owens leads Bible study each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., using the Lectio Divina method. You don't have to have participated in previous weeks' discussions to join in. If you're interested, contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org for the Zoom login information.

Urban Farm Workdays



Paul Herrgesell practices good social distancing as he stands atop the farm's eight foot tall storage shed. He was re-hanging a banner this past rainy Saturday.

Things are getting busy down at the farm. Last Saturday, we prepped more of our 115 raised beds by adding leaf humus to the existing dirt. We also planted more radishes, beets and a variety of greens.

The farm is big enough to insure proper social distancing and qualifies for the exercise exception Gov. DeWine recently announced to the stay-at-home order. We meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. every Saturday. Please join us as you're able to continue the work of growing food to feed our hungry and homeless neighbors. For more information contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org

The Wall of Love

Trinity's Wall of Love is still active on weekends. We are transitioning into clothing and accessories for the spring season. Items we are seeking include:

- Socks
- T-shirts
- Sunglasses
- Baseball and other spring hats
- Chapstick
- Rain ponchos

Items are needed for all ages, in all sizes (children & adults). Items should be new or in like-new condition.

Items for the Wall of Love should be collected at home at this time. The contact person is Janet Morrison jlmorrison611@gmail.com.



Help Us Assist St. Luke's Hunger Programs

Due to logistical reasons, St. Luke's needed to cancel the food pantry on Monday, March 23. The congregation and leadership is diligently working on addressing details for the next drive-through food pantry, scheduled for Monday, April 13 and further details will be forthcoming.

Please contact Debbie Likins-Fowler at dlikinsfowler@gmail.com or (440) 669-6684 if you'd like to help or if you have any questions.

Music & Art at Trinity

Todd's Picks – Featured Tenebrae Services

In an effort to enrich your Holy Week listening and contemplation we offer links to two archived Tenebrae services (sung on Wednesday of Holy Week), each with different musical content. Links can be found on the [Trinity homepage](#) and below. Director of Music Todd Wilson reflects on each service:

Our 2017 Tenebrae service featured the *Leçons de Ténèbres* by French Baroque composer Francois Couperin (1669-1733), written for the liturgies of Holy Week, 1714, at the Abbaye Royale du Longchamp.

Scored for two high voices and continuo, there are three leçons (lessons). Each Latin verse is preceded by a melisma on the first letter of the Hebrew text. The first two lessons are written for single voice, while the third, scored for two voices, is considered one of the high points of French Baroque vocal music. Performers are sopranos Margaret Carpenter Haigh and Madeline Apple Healey; organist Peter Bennett, and viola da gambist David Ellis.

Our Tenebrae service last year featured the *Lamentations for Five Voices* by English composer Robert White (c. 1538-1574), sung by the Trinity Chamber Singers. The Lamentations are superb examples of vocal architecture, carefully channelling the emotion toward the concluding phrase “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum” (Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord, your God). The power of White’s setting of these famous words has been apparent to those who have heard it almost since the day it was written.

In the Diocese

Youth Compline

The Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation for the Diocese of Ohio, will hold Sunday Night Student Compline on Sundays at 8:00 p.m. Students grades 6 and up (including college students!) are invited to zoom in at <https://Zoom.us/j/2167742230>.

In the Episcopal Church

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Shares 'Habits of Grace'

In the adjustments to life that the coronavirus pandemic has brought about, a new vlog by Presiding Bishop Curry has been added to The Episcopal Church website. You can view it at episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace. As we learn how to do our part to slow the spread of the virus by practicing social distancing, a new meditation will be posted each Monday from now through May.

In the Community

Hope for the Best, Plan for the Worst

Our own Dr. Jeff Spiess, who is a hospice physician, took to his blog to talk about advanced directives and other considerations in the face of the COVID-19 crisis.

Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation 3D Prints Face Shields, Other PPE During Crisis

Willoughby-Eastlake's School of Innovation and Fab Lab are helping out in the current crisis by using 3D printers to make face shields and other protective equipment for first responders. One of the teachers in this lab is Trinity member Gail Myers.

[Read More About Their Work Here](#)

Debunking Common Misconceptions About the Census

Trinity member Kate Warren, who is also an associate at The Center for Community Solutions, recently wrote a column in The Plain Dealer urging people to avoid using common excuses for not completing the census.

[Read the article here](#)

Coronavirus and Faith in Northeast Ohio

This article that appeared in cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer compiles some individual stories about different faith communities' response to the coronavirus crisis.

[Read the article here](#)

Submit Your News for Publication

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *This Week @ Trinity*, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org

Deadline for items to be included in the May Cathedral Connections newsletter is Fri., April 24. You can read the current issue of *Cathedral Connections* [online](#), or pick up a printed copy available throughout the Cathedral. Please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

The mission of Trinity Cathedral is to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation.



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